

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
Hirochi MATSUI, et al. : EXAMINER: FRONDA
SERIAL NO.: 09/462,472 :
FILED: JANUARY 14, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1652
FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING PURINE NUCLEOSIDE BY FERMENTATION

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a)(3)

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

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Petitioners respectfully request the Office to invoke the supervising authority of the Commissioner and consider Petitioners' Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance, concurrently filed herewith, and also indicate that the references cited on the Information Disclosure Statements filed on (1) November 14, 2007, (2) October 3, 2007, (3) November 22, 2005, and (4) September 23, 2004, and the references cited on the International Search Report filed on January 14, 2000, have been considered. Petitioners respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of same by providing Applicants with initialed copies of the Form PTO-1449 enclosed herewith listing all these references.

Petitioners submit herewith a copy of each of the Information Disclosure Statements as originally filed on (1) November 14, 2007, (2) October 3, 2007, (3) November 22, 2005, and (4) September 23, 2004, and the International Search Report originally filed on January 14, 2000, along a copy of the date-stamped filing receipts evidencing the timely filing thereof.

For the reasons given above, this petition should be GRANTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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